

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: **NRS 06-287**

APPLICANT: Gordon T. Trafton, II, Senior V.P. Southern Region
Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 S. Ashland Ave.
Homewood, IL 60430
(708) 332-5470

LOCATION: Johnston Railroad Yards; north of Peebles Road, south of Nonconnah Creek, southeast of McKellar Lake; Southwest Memphis; Memphis, Shelby County: lat 35 4' 15.1" - long 90 4' 42.1".

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: Nonconnah Creek watershed (HUC 08010211). Affected waters are an unnamed tributary to Nonconnah Creek, unnamed tributary to Rivergate Harbor, and Cypress Creek. Surrounding land use is primarily commercial and industrial.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to expand the existing Johnston Railroad Yards. The existing yard design is based on railroad operation of the 1900's. It is not designed to handle today's trains. Current design results in the need for the entire yard to shut down when a train arrives or departs.

The new yard will have dedicated receiving and departure tracks, new maintenance facilities and larger classification yard. The proposed project will require the encapsulation of 479 linear feet and rip-rap of 136 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Nonconnah Creek, encapsulation of 35 linear feet and rip-rap of 30 linear feet on an unnamed tributary to Rivergate Harbor and impacts to Cypress Creek for the replacement/construction of three bridges including the placement of rip-rap and/or stone fill along the channel banks for approximately 40 linear feet.

Compensatory stream mitigation for the encapsulation and rip-rap of 680 linear feet will be through the payment of \$200/foot or \$136,000 to the Tennessee Stream Mitigation Program.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Southwest Memphis 404 SW

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Mike Lee

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of

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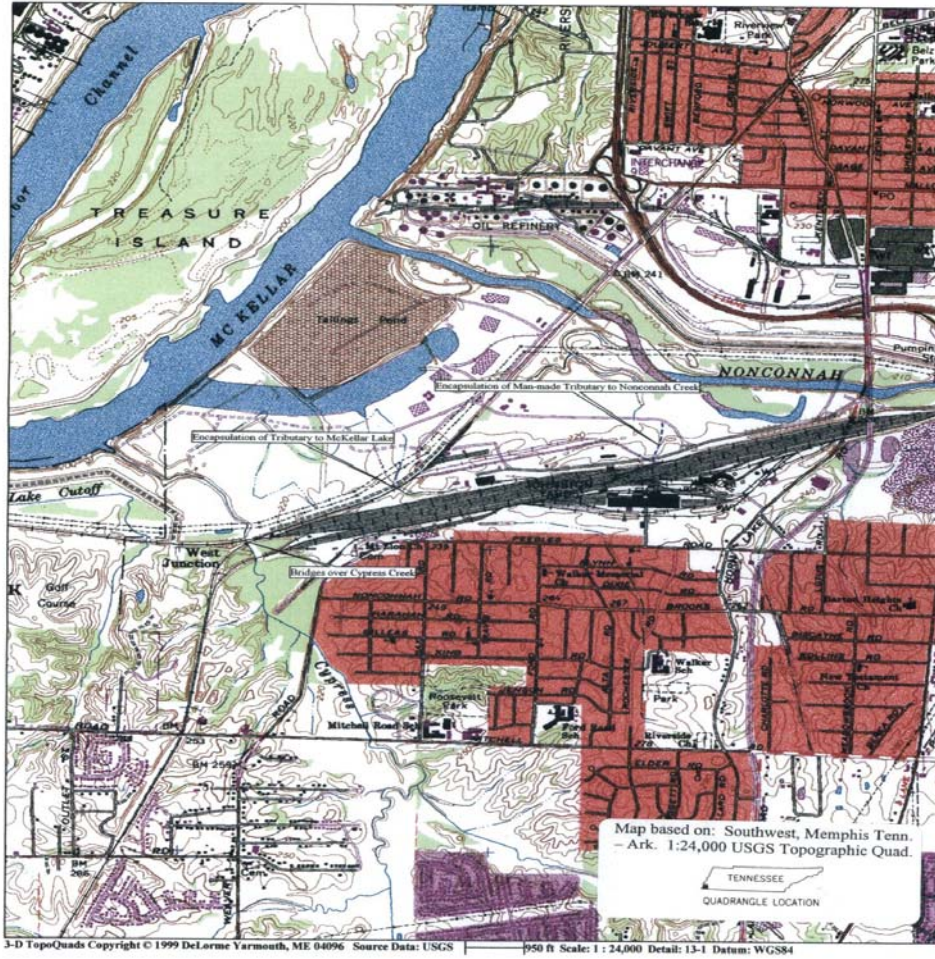
the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

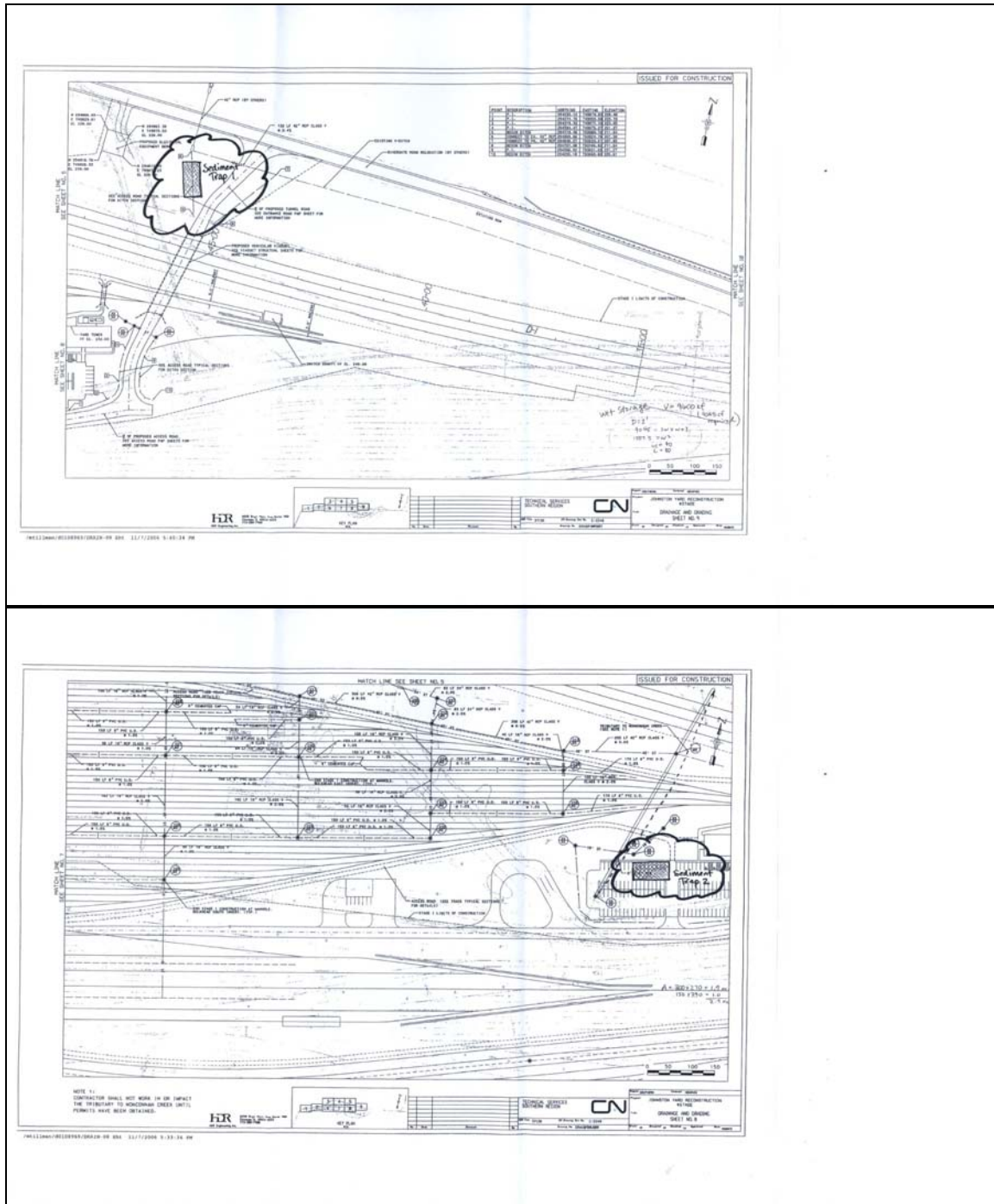
Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

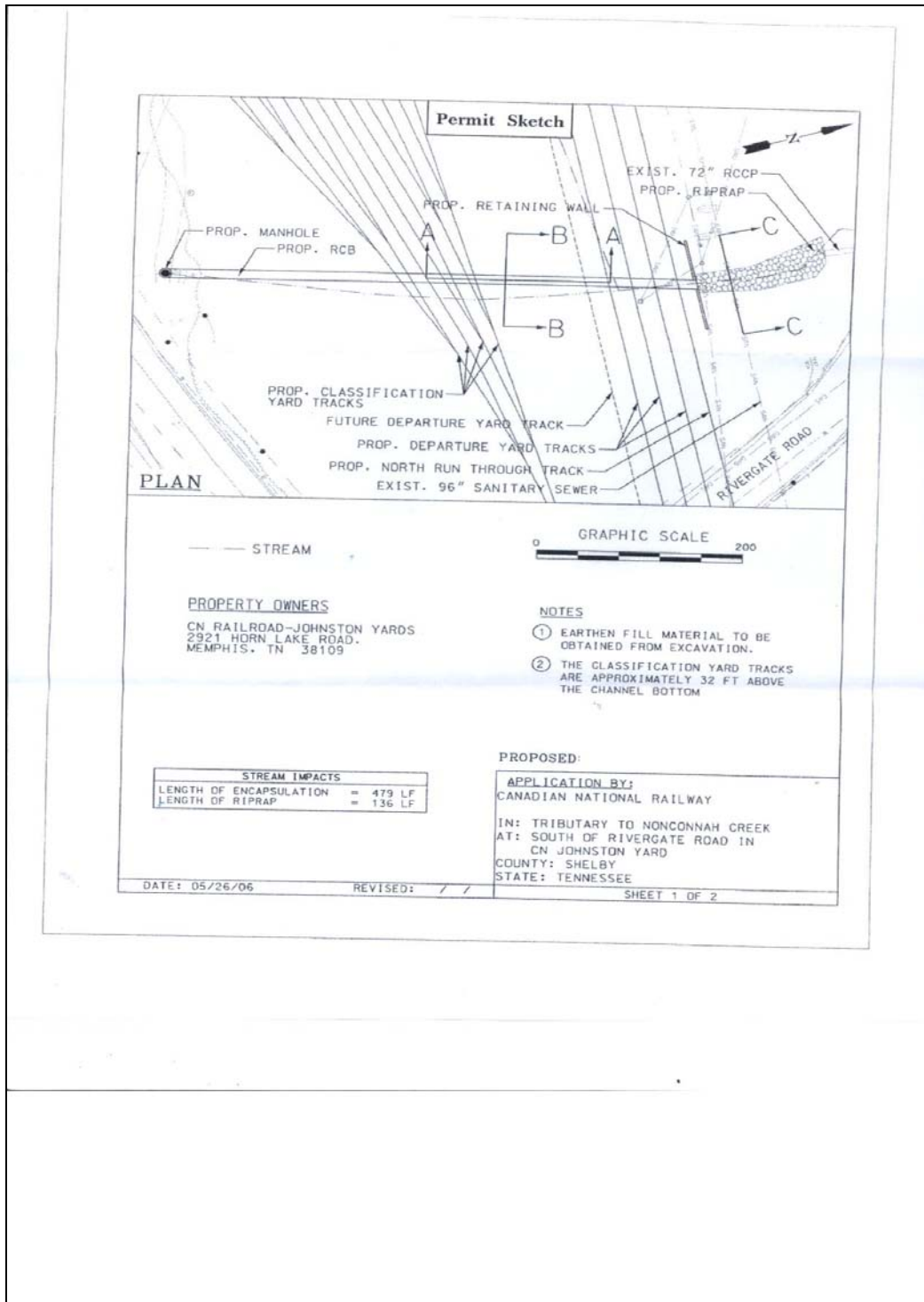


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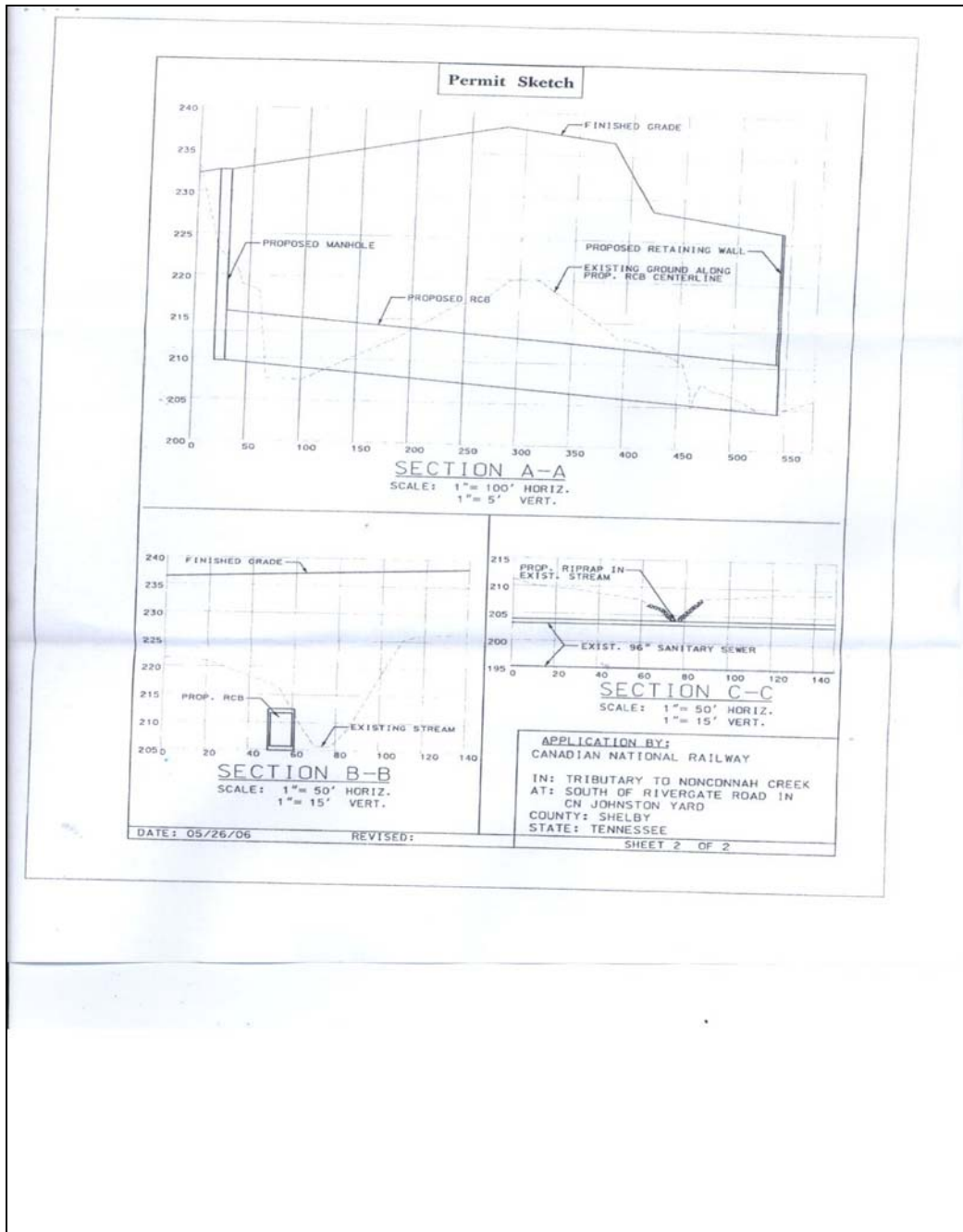


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